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SUBJECT: OLSZOWSKI'S VISIT TO USSR

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1. OLSZOWSKI'S VISIT HERE DID NOT RECEIVE EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE, ALTHOUGH HE WAS HERE FOR FULL WORK WEEK. HIS MEETING WITH BREZHNEV DID GET FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT IN PRAVDA WITH STANDARD PHOTO, AND BRIEF ACCOUNT OF MEETING. PURPOSE OF OLSZOWSKI'S VISIT WAS GIVEN AS "EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES ON QUESTIONS OF PARTY DIRECTION OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY." REFERENCES TO WHAT WAS SAID AT MEETING WITH BREZHNEV ALL HAD TO DO WITH WHAT BREZHNEV SAID AND NOTHING OF WHAT OLSZOWSKI MIGHT HAVE SAID. OTHER MEDIA REFERENCES TO OLSZOWSKI STRESSED THE PARTY AND ECONOMIC NATURE OF HIS VISIT, POINTING OUT VISITS TO FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIES. IN GENERAL, PUBLICITY GIVEN TO VISIT, APART FROM SESSION WITH BEZHNEV, WAS NOT OUT OF ORDINARY. THERE IS NO INDICATION HE SAW GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS DURING HIS VISIT.

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2. COMMENT. WE AGREE WITH REFTEL SUGGESTION THAT OLSZOWSKI RECEPTION BY BREZHNEV CONSTITUTED KIND OF "LAYING ON OF HANDS" FOR PARTY LEADER WHO WAS DESCRIBED TO US BY POLISH EMBASSY SOURCE HERE AS A RELATIVELY YOUNG COMING LEADER WHO IS STILL ON RISE WITHIN POLISH POWER STRUCTURE.

3. WE DO NOT ATTACH MUCH IMPORTANCE TO HIS NOT BEING RECEIVED BY KOSYGIN SINCE THIS WAS STRAIGHT PARTY VISIT AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SUCH AS KOSYGIN WOULD ADD NOTHING TO LUSTER OF VISIT ONCE DECISION MADE TO HAVE OLSZOWSKI SEE BREZHNEV. ADDITIONALLY, ALTHOUGH THERE MAY INDEED BE DIFFERENCES WITHIN SOVIET HIERARCHY ABOUT HOW TO HANDLE POLISH PROBLEMS, WE DOUBT THAT SOVIETS WOULD WANT TO ADVERTISE FACT BY ANY PUBLIC ACT WHICH COULD BE SEEN BY ALL ONLOOKERS.

4. AS TO REASON FOR OLSZOWSKI TRIP IN FIRST PLACE, IT WOULD APPEAR TO BE MOTIVATED BY SOVIET DESIRE TO GET TO OLSZOWSKI EARLY AFTER HIS ASSUPTION OF HIS NEW JOB IN AN EFFORT TO SHOW HIM HOW PARTY RUNS THINGS IN THE USSR (VISITS TO FACTORIES, ETC.) IT ALSO MIGHT INDICATED THAT SOVIETS ARE CONCERNED AS MUCH BY PARTY CONTROL OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AS THEY ARE ABOUT GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT OF ECONOMY AND OVERALL ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE. POSSIBILITY EXISTS, ALSO, THAT ADDITIONAL MOTIVE FOR VISIT IS SOVIET DESIRE TO SEE IN POLAND MORE PARTY INVOLVEMENT IN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND MORE OF "SOVIET APPROACH" TO ECONOMIC MATTERS.
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